

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A method for identifying the depositor of suspicious banknotes at an automatic teller machine, wherein the deposited banknotes are subjected to an authenticity test in the automatic teller machine and classified into authentic, forged and unsuspicious banknotes depending on the result of the authenticity test, and wherein the suspicious banknotes are subjected to a further test outside of the automatic teller machine, characterized in that at least those banknotes which are classified as suspicious are provided with an imprint in the automatic teller machine, said imprint allowing the definitive assignment of the banknote to a specific transaction.

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the imprint is made using an ink which is invisible to the human eye.

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the identification data of the automatic teller machine and the data, including date and time, which characterizes the transaction are printed.

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2 ~~or claim 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the data is printed onto the note in the form of a barcode.

5. (currently amended) An automatic teller machine for accepting banknotes, comprising an input unit ~~(12)~~ for banknotes, a test unit ~~(16)~~ for authenticity checking of the input banknotes, at least one store ~~(18)~~ for storing satisfactory banknotes, at least one store for holding unsatisfactory banknotes, transport devices for banknote transportation within the automatic teller machine ~~(10)~~, and a data processing and control device ~~(20)~~ for controlling all units of the automatic teller machine ~~(10)~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a printing device ~~(24)~~ is arranged in the transport path of the banknotes within the automatic teller machine ~~(10)~~, which printing device can be controlled according to test signals which are generated by the test unit ~~(16)~~, in order to provide a tested banknote with an imprint.

6. (currently amended) The automatic teller machine as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the printing device (24) is designed for generating an imprint which is invisible to the human eye.

7. (currently amended) The automatic teller machine as claimed in claim 5 ~~or 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the data which is printed by the printing device ~~(24)~~ comprises identification data of the automatic teller machine (10) and data, including date and time, which characterizes the transaction in which the banknotes were deposited.